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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

1. The reply filed on November 12, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action (mailed on because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): **the applicant does not clearly elect a single disclosed species** for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The patentably distinct species of the invention are

- 1) the species of Figs. 1,2,5,11, and 13,
- 2) the species of Fig. 8, and
- 3) the species of Fig. 12.

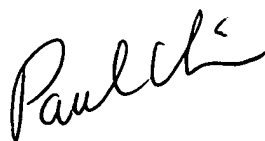
It is pointed out that figure 8 distinctly shows a base (44), which other species do not disclose. It appears that applicant does not elect the species of Fig. 12, but it is unclear as to whether the first species or the second species is elected. Applicant must elect a single disclosed species for prosecution. Moreover, applicant response is confusing because applicant indicates on page 2 that claims 22-34,41-46, and 50 are withdrawn, but identifies these claims as "canceled claims". Therefore, applicant must clearly point out that these claims 22-34,41-46, and 50 are "withdrawn" or "canceled". See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul T. Chin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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